

**Dune Acres Town Council Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 20, 2009**  
**Unofficial Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 9 am by President Jeffrey Swoger. Town Council member Lou Roberts, Town Council member John Sullivan, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sherry King, and Town Attorney Dan Whitten were in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted. The financial report was presented and accepted, and claims and warrants for the Town for the month of May totaling \$41,855.43 were approved.

Mr. Tom Bredeweg, who was to give a presentation from IACT, was not at the meeting.

The Town announced that it will publish its new budget on July 31. The second publication of the budget will be on August 7. On July 5th at 4 pm, the Town will hold a budget meeting that everyone in town is welcome to attend. On August 15, a public hearing will be held. The budget will be adopted on September 15 and filed with the auditor on September 17.

**Fire**—No report.

**Parks**—Cheryl Evans reported that a request was recently submitted by the Park Commissioners requesting that the playground equipment be power-washed when the waters ever recede at the Town Park. Jeffrey Swoger suggested that sand could be spread on the playground when the water recedes to cover any muck. Ms. Evans also asked the Town Council about the status of the water removal plans for the park. The Council said that it is still being studied. John Sullivan said that they would address this topic later in the meeting.

**Beach**—John Sullivan reported that, according to Rob Carstens, the buoys have not been installed at the beach as yet but are in the works.

**Roads**—Mark Hull reported that the new sweeper is up and running again after some repairs. He has been sweeping the roads around town, including down at the beach in anticipation of the upcoming 4th of July party, and things look good. Mr. Hull is waiting on some bids to do some small patching jobs around town.

**Building**—Cheryl Evans read a report from Lou Mellen concerning the status of various building projects around town, including the demolition of the Dalal house, a new proposed addition and BZA meeting concerning the Spence house, and updates on the Leinenweber, McNeel, Truax, and Phelps houses.

**Maintenance**—No report.

**Security**—Cecilia Call gave an update on the Town's security staffing. Some of the security personnel are temporary unable to work, and Harold King has been pitching in to help. There

will only be one security officer on duty on July 3. Mark Hull offered to help pitch in to transport the fireworks that the second security officer working that day would normally do.

**Engineer**—Irv Call discussed some problems that he is having with a software program at the pump house. He requested that the Town purchase a new CPU for the computer for \$250 to address this problem, as bringing in IT personnel to troubleshoot the problem would be more expensive. Mr. Call also presented a proposal for a new cabinet unit for the security office that would cost \$1,400 to \$1,600. Finding pre-constructed units to fit the available space there is difficult, and he recommended a custom unit. Wood versus metal units were briefly discussed, and he is to get a quote for some metal units to present at a later Town Council meeting. He also intends to augment the circuits at the park so that holiday decorations don't blow any fuses this year.

**Environment**—Cathy Bomberger requested that the Town pay the members of the Environmental Committee for their work in cleaning the Clubhouse after the last Town party. She said that 3 people spent 6 hours cleaning the Clubhouse and requested that they be paid \$14 an hour. The Town Council agreed to have the Social Committee pay the usual cleaning fee of \$110 to the Environmental Committee. Mrs. Bomberger also reported that the \$6,000 grant that had previously been discussed concerning the Clubhouse dune would require the Town to contribute a \$3,000 matching donation. She had just discovered that the grant would only pay for planning any work to be done—not the actual work itself. The Town Council suggested that before any additional work on the grant is done and any money spent on planning that she should find out how much any restoration effort would cost. She also voiced a complaint about all the trees being cut at various houses around town.

**Clubhouse Rentals**—Sherry King reported that she just learned that the Town needs to pay Indiana sales tax on any Clubhouse rentals. Attorney Dan Whitten agreed to confirm this interpretation. The Town Council also voted to raise Clubhouse rental fees to \$350 plus taxes for any rentals booked after July 1.

**Telephone books**—The Town voted to reimburse Shirley Hull for the cost of telephone book binders.

**Flooding**—During audience questioning at the end of the meeting, the Town Council was asked about the status of its progress in addressing the Town's on-going water flooding problem. The questioner noted that it was nearly July 4th, and not a single child can currently play at the Town's soccer field, baseball diamond, or playground. The Town Council noted that it has spent around \$16,000 in pumping out water and another \$10,000 on a study that is to address this situation. Although the consultant has submitted a report, the report does not provide a solution to this problem, is only preliminary, and not suitable for publication in the *Beachcomber*. The Town Council did not know when a final report with any solutions to this problem would be submitted by the consultant. Mark Hull noted that he had been in discussion with the gentleman employed by the Town in digging out the beach entrance at East Beach. It was suggested that a ditch or swale could be dug that might help alleviate the current flooding in the park area. Estimates of the cost of such an operation were said to be in the \$3,000-5,000 range. Dr. Alex Stemer generously volunteered to donate \$500

toward the cost of digging such a trench if the Town did not have sufficient funds on hand. The Council felt that, before beginning work and soliciting finds, it needed to have more details on methods and costs. Mark Hull is exploring these issues and will report to the Council members as soon as he is able. Cheryl Evans said, if necessary, she would publish a notice about the solicitation in the upcoming Beachcomber so that townspeople could contribute to the project if they wished.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Cheryl Evans